

Rhode Island Resources for Children who are Blind or Visually Impaired

IN-SIGHT

43 Jefferson Boulevard
Warwick, RI 02888
(401) 941-3322
Judith Smith, President
Web: <http://www.in-sight.org>

Programs in Productive Living for the Blind. In addition to programming for adults, IN-SIGHT maintains an active low vision clinic and provides opportunities for school age children to learn ADL skills in a social setting.

IN-SIGHT Radio

43 Jefferson Boulevard
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On air closed circuit radio offering news as well as information of interest to persons who are blind or visually impaired.

Rhode Island Braille Transcription Center

PO Box 1042
E. Greenwich, Rhode Island 02818
(401) 884-8408
Dorothy Mullen, Project Director

The Center produces literary Braille materials on a statewide basis for educational and advocacy purposes.

**Rhode Island Department of Education
Vision Education Services Program**

1 Corliss Park
Providence, Rhode Island 02908
(401) 222-3827

The Vision Education Services Program provides an array of educationally based compensatory skills to students who are blind or visually impaired in the majority of Rhode Island school districts. Services include Early Intervention to infants and toddlers and their families through a tri-agency collaboration, (DOE, DOH, and SBVI) and direct or consult teaching services to preschool and school age children, determined through evaluation. Orientation and Mobility is available to both Early Intervention and school age children who qualify.

**Rhode Island Services to Children and Youth
with Dual Sensory Impairments**

The Paul V. Sherlock Center on Disabilities
600 Mt. Pleasant Ave.
Providence, RI 02908
(401)456-8072
(401)456-8773 TTY
Sue Dell, Child Services Coordinator
www.ric.edu/uap/

The Rhode Island Services to Children and Youth with Dual Sensory Impairments provides culturally sensitive information and support that will assist in empowering families of children with deaf-blindness to assist their children become active participants in home, school, and the community. The initiative provides technical assistance to professionals working with children with dual sensory impairments, birth through two years of age, as well as providing technical assistance to professionals working with children with dual sensory impairments, ages 3 - 22, to increase the capacity of local educational agencies to provide quality services in natural, home -school settings through increased availability of information, technical resources, pre-service training, and in service training for both parents and professionals.

Rhode Island Lions Sight Foundation

P.O. Box 284
Greenville, Rhode Island
02828
Mr. Ralph Iannitelli
(401) 949-2442

The Rhode Island Lions Sight Foundation provides assistance to families and children with visual impairments for the procurement of eyeglasses, specialized evaluations, technology, and other items not covered by traditional financial resources. The Foundation is a co-founder and the financial source for Camp Mauchatea, established 14 years ago to provide unique learning, recreational and social opportunities for children who are blind.

Rhode Island Parents of Blind and Visually Impaired Children

(Affiliated with the Rhode Island Federation of the Blind)

(401) 658-0516
Elizabeth Frampton, President
Web: www.ripbvic.com

Provides information, emotional support and public awareness regarding quality educational services for blind and visually impaired children. Also involved in fostering communication and provides advocacy at the local and state level of service provision.

Rhode Island Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Department of Human Services
40 Fountain Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02903
(401) 222-2300
(401) 272-8090 (Hispanic telephone line)
Gary B. Wier, Deputy Administrator
Web: www.ors.state.ri.us

The agency provides eligible individuals with visual impairments the opportunities and support that will enable them to become independent, active, self-sustaining members of their community. Services provided include social work services to children and their families, transition planning, vocational guidance and access to low vision evaluations and low vision aids. The agency is a co-founder and provides the management, coordination and programming for Camp Mauchatea, a unique camp experience for visually impaired youngsters.

Saving Sight Rhode Island

982 West Shore Road
Warwick, Rhode Island
Tel. (401) 738-1150
Fax. 732-0034

Provides assistance in obtaining eyeglasses and eye exams. The agency also delivers a vision screening program, a collaborative effort to identify toddlers and preschoolers in all communities in the state who may need glasses or further medical intervention regarding vision.

SHARE Foundation

UMASS Dartmouth
285 Old Westport Road
North Dartmouth, MA 02747

Distributes used computers for individuals living with vision loss.

Talking Books Plus: Rhode Island Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

Office of Library and Information Services
1 Capitol Hill
Providence, Rhode Island 02908
(401) 222-5800

Andrew Egan, Supervisor

Web: <http://www.lori.state.ri.us/TBP/default.htm>

The library loans reading materials and equipment free of charge to qualified individuals.

TechAccess of Rhode Island

110 Jefferson Boulevard
Warwick, Rhode Island 02886
(401) 463-0202

Judi Hammerlind Carlson, Executive Director

Web: www.techaccess-ri.org

A private, non-profit resource center that serves people with disabilities who are interested in assistive technology. Services include assessment, training and technical support.